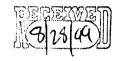


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Food and Drug Administration Office of Special Nutritionals (HFS-450) Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition 200 C Street, SW Washington, DC 20204



Dear Sirs:

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 403(r)(6) (21 U.S.C. § 343(r)(6)) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act that Rexall Sundown, Inc. ("Sundown") located at 6111 Broken Sound Parkway, N.W., Boca Raton, Florida 33487 has marketed a dietary supplement under the Thompson brand name bearing the following statement(s) on the label and/or in the labeling:

Milk Thistle: For healthy liver function. Milk Thistle seed extract contains a group of flavonolignans collectively called silymarin which protect and strengthen the liver and promote healthy liver function. Milk thistle is the ripe seed from the prickly milk thistle. It has a rich history of use to enhance liver function.

The undersigned certifies that the information contained in this notice is complete and accurate and that Sundown has substantiation that the statement is truthful and not misleading. Pursuant to § 101.93 (a)(1), two copies of this notification are enclosed.

Sincerely,

Deborah Shur Trinker

Vice President of Regulatory Affairs

and Assistant General Counsel

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